

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 63, line 7, and ending at page 63, line 20, as follows:

-- On the other hand, in the case of a document to be transmitted overseas, the table (stored in the management server 115) shown in FIG. 46 is referred to, and it is determined whether or not the document is to be restricted in overseas transmission. If not, the document is transmitted overseas in step S4708. When [it is] a document is to be restricted, it is determined in step 4704 whether or not a predetermined period has passed from the application date because there [is] are regulations [of] in the U.S. Patent Law stating that the restrictions expire if six months have passed from the application date. If the predetermined period has passed, the document is transmitted overseas in step S4708. --.

In the Abstract

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 77, line 2 and ending at page 77, line 13, as follows:

-- [To provide an] An information processing apparatus for efficiently managing documents and various procedures relating to a patent application[.] where [Information] information relating to a patent application is accumulated in a database for each case, and managed for due date[. When] so that when an inventor has to study a case, a request to study the case is issued to the inventor through a network, and the state of the study by the inventor is checked through the network. [Furthermore, a] A case [is] can then be transferred to a request from a third party to study the case, and the transfer of document data overseas [is] can then be managed according to the applicable laws and regulations. --.